

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Fran Gillett
Anthony J. Lipinski
Peter J. Lund
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, and Dave Humbyrd, County Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Ass't Corporation Counsel; Camille Silda, Planning; Kevin Cassidy, and Tom Bommarito, Hillside Productions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 8, 2005. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported on the revolving budget that shows a balance of \$6,500 for senior swing dances. Fireworks event is not reflected in the budget, there will be a report on it at the next meeting. The budget shows a shortfall of about \$2,000.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced the memo from Risk Management concerning a newly constructed wall where power lines ran through at the amphitheater construction site was inspected and believes everything is good at the site.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph A. Liberato Building Plaque

Camille Silda of Planning presented a replica of Liberato's plaque for suggestions and comments to format and text developed so far.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perna requested that another copy with the recommended changes made this morning by the Parks Commission be sent to Mr. Casasanta in the next couple of weeks, copies will then be forwarded to the commission for review before the next Parks Commission regular meeting of August 10th.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER TO APPROVE THE FORMAT CONCEPT. MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Hillside Request for Additional Space

President Perna stated communication sent to Corporation Counsel is going to be discussed at a future meeting.

Cancellation of August 26-28th Hunting & Fishing Expo

Mr. Casasanta reported that the Hunting & Fishing Expo was cancelled, however the grounds have been rented for other events that same weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

2006 Budget

Mr. Casasanta reported 2006 budget will be the same as in 2005 with no new programs, reclassifications, or hires. Mr. Beatty, Park Aide did retire July 8, 2005 and reconfirmation of his position will be done. A temporary Park Aide request was made through Human Resources to fill the position for the season. Statistical data will be done on the budget that is due July 29, 2005.

OTHER

Commissioner Malone commented that the rooftop has been some of disappointment as the noise levels were problematic during some of the concerts.

Mr. Casasanta reported that the 4th of July fireworks went off in the rain a little earlier in the night, there were approximately 6,000 people at the park for this event.

Mr. Casasanta reported on the Air Force Band of Flight event held at Freedom Hill on July 6th had about 600 people in attendance.

Commissioner Salerno inquired about the HarleyFest event.

Mr. Casasanta reported that the attendance was down from past years as about 4,900 vehicles came through the gates. There were no major incidents reported. Although, unfortunately there were two bikes stolen when left unattended.

President Perna stated that following this meeting the Board of Commissioners -Finance Committee will be meeting at the Hillside Club with Mr. Wilson, Palace Sports CEO, who will be giving a presentation and tour of the grounds.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY KLEIN. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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